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Rapid River News!

*Bashkakodini-Giizis (Freezing Moon)
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(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Be-Da/Bin and Education Talent Show. There's still time to get in on the Talent Show for our Elders taking place on December 5th. Please see the flyer below and join in the fun.

Friend of tribe walks on

Bob Olsen, the Superintendent of the Manistee Area Public Schools walked on unexpectedly over the weekend.

Bob has been a staunch supporter of the Little River Band and he will be missed. Services are this week with a memorial service on Saturday at the High School.



Wildlife Check Station:

The Natural Resources Department is once again running the Wildlife Check Station at Big Blue in Eastlake. This is for both tribal and non-tribal hunters. It is open daily from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. If possible, call ahead and let them know you are coming. Just call 231.398.2180.

United Tribes of Michigan. At the United Tribes meeting last week, Ogema Larry Romanelli was elected to serve as the organizations' president. He is taking the post held this year by Chief Fred Cantu of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. (More) United Tribes.

Council Speaker Steve Parsons and Council Members Candace Chapman, Virgil Johnson and Norbert Kelsey also attended the meeting which was held in Battle Creek.

December 11th. Open Session will be at 4pm in the Grand River Room.

- Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open.

Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission	2 current openings	1 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Health Commission	1 current opening	1 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks

Cabin Fever Camp Scheduled

Youth Camp Cabin Fever Reliever...Come join in a day of fun activities on January 25, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Aki Community Center. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Holly Davis Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Community Health Representatives 231-398-6629

United Tribes/Emergency Planning

At last weeks' United Tribes of Michigan meeting a resolution was unanimously passed to begin formulating an inter-tribal treaty to help each other in times of incident or disaster.

Traditional Healer scheduled: December 15th, J.D. Gibson, Traditional Healer will be in Manistee. To make an appointment, please contact Julie Wolfe at 231.398.6632.

(Kateri Circle)

O Great Spirit Whose voice I hear in the winds, And whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me! I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset."

--from, PRAYER TO THE GREAT SPIRIT

The Great Spirit runs the world and the people by a set of natural laws and principles. He says we are to live our lives and make decisions that will be in harmony with these laws. He says we should be respectful to all things and to all people. He says we should pray for each other. He says we should forgive one another. It is easy to tell if a person is following the ways of the Great Spirit. You can tell by how a man walks in life. He doesn't need to say anything. If we are dishonest or deceitful, other people will know. This is true because we are all interconnected in the Unseen World.

My Creator, let me obey Your ways. Let me Walk the Talk

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

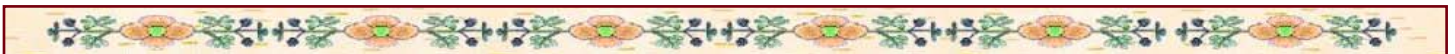
Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 2 cartons (20 packs) per Tribal member
while tax-exempt supply lasts.

**THE TRIBES ANNUAL QUOTA OF TAX-EXEMP
CIGARETTES ARE ALMOST GONE.
TAX-EXEMP CIGARETTES WILL NOT BE
AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2010.**



*Come and Join us
for Our Monthly
Peacemaking talking circle*

“Doing all things in a Good Way”



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Talking Circle meeting scheduled!
Aanii piish (where) Justice Center.
Wenesh pii (when)..... November 30th at 5:30



This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 11-2-09
If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Thursday, November 19, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 10:00 a.m. 08310GC - Detz v. Tribe Trial

Friday, November 20, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 07188NA (Closed hrg.)
- 11:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 09053NA (Closed hrg.)
- 1:15 p.m. Neglect/Abuse 08284NA (Closed hrg.)
- 2:00 p.m. Guardianship 06204GM (Closed hrg.)
- 2:00 p.m. Guardianship 06205GM (Closed hrg.)

Chandler Article in News Advocate

The Manistee News Advocate ran a beautiful two-page article on Margaret Chandler being inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame on Saturday the 14th.

Warriors Society updates:



Veteran's Day observation was held November 11th at the Little River Casino Resort. Full coverage will appear in the next Currents.



Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660



December meeting in Muskegon. The December 5th meeting of the Warriors Society will be held at the Muskegon Tribal Center at 10 a.m.

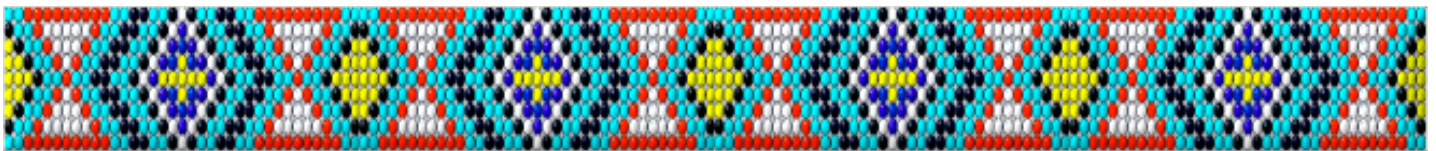


Education announces Homework Assistance in Muskegon. The Education Department has announced a special program for tutoring at the Muskegon tribal office. Please see the announcement below as well as the next Currents.

- **Workforce Development.** At the end of the Rapid River News is a new "Job Resources Guide" for the 9 county area. For more information, contact your Commerce Department, Workforce Development 231.398.6842 or 888.723.8288 ext. 6842. Here is the directory as a .pdf file for you to use as well.
- **The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done.** If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.
- **Government Weather Closing Policy.** The tribal government has issued the 2009 Weather Closing Policy. When Manistee Area Schools announce a closing due to weather, the government offices will have a delayed open to 10 a.m. The same is true for the Muskegon Government Office and their school system.

Census Test scheduled

November 30, 2009, anyone wishing to take the Census Bureau's written exam may do so at the Michigan Works Office out by K-Mart in Manistee. Testing sessions have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30 and will be administered by Census Bureau staff. Office staff and field staff positions may be available. In order to qualify for a Census Bureau position, all candidates must first pass the Census Bureau written examination; be at least 18 years old or older and be a citizen of the United States and present proof of identity and employment eligibility. In the words of the Census Bureau, "This is an exciting opportunity to enhance your job skills, further your career and improve your community!"



Elders Conference at Three Fires. Almost 180 Tribal Elders attended the conference the weekend of the 7th. The Elders Secretary submitted this thank you: November 9th, 2009

The Elders Committee would like to Thank You all very much for helping us making our Elders Conference a big success. We received quite a few compliments on the conference this year. With you all volunteering your time and information it made our conference a well-informed and enjoyable conference.

Thank you all very, very much!!!!

The Elders Committee

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NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE SOON

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department is pleased to announce that we will have five new 3-bedroom homes available for rent at Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee. These are newly constructed single family homes with all new appliances (including washer/dryers), attached garages and full basements.

These homes are available for low-income families. Rental payments will be 20% of the household's adjusted monthly income. To be considered "low income" your annual gross household income cannot exceed the amounts listed below.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Income	\$35,850	\$40,950	\$46,100	\$51,200	\$55,300	\$59,400

Copies of the Regulations governing eligibility and occupancy may be obtained from the Housing Department or the tribal web site.

If you are interested in applying for a rental unit, please call Denise Lewis at the Housing Department at 231.398.6876 or Toll Free 1.888.723.8288.



Department of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

Discontinued Chip/Token Notice

Little River Casino Resort of Manistee, Michigan, and Enterprise of the
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Has changed the design of it's active gaming chips and tokens.

Chips and tokens hearing the former design are discontinued and will be valid for play or redemption for
a limited time only.

Holders of discontinued chips and tokens are encouraged to exchange
or redeem them by December 1, 2009

Beginning- Ending Date: During the first week of September through
December 2009 ads will be placed in various locations at the Resort and in addition,
posters will be placed in various locations at the Resort and in all LRBOI Tribal Buildings. The Resort will
be posting the same information on the Resort's website,
www.lrcr.com.

Compiled by the Office of Public Affairs

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com .
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.

Sing a beautiful song. Make elders laugh.
Dance. Play a handdrum song. Lick your
elbow. Perform a magic trick. Read a
beautiful poem. Tell a hilarious story. Get
your feet moving to the drumbeat. Juggle.
Show your native style. Do an impression
of a famous person. Yodel.

What's your Talent?

Show LRB elders what amazing things you can
do. If your between 6 and 18 years old, you
could be a part of our talent show. Taking
place Saturday, December 5, 2009.

When Can I Audition?

Wednesday, October 28 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Where do We rehearse?

Wednesday, October 28 thru December 2 at LRB
Education Department (1762 US 31, Manistee)

Where do I get more information?

Education ~ Deb Davis @ 231.398.6725

Or

Be-Da-Bin ~ Julie Wolfe @ 231.398.6632